

SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 7:30 p.m, via Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; School Board Members Patrick Healy, Erin Barry, Manny Sainz, Lauren Cleary, Janna Osman, and Jamie Spector; Plainfield Selectboard members Sasha Thayer, Jim Volz, and Tammy Farnham; Plainfield Town Clerk Linda Wells; Superintendent Mark Tucker; Assistant Principal Rachel Hartmann

At 7:30 the Board joined the School Board meeting, already in progress.

Patrick Healy gave background information, explaining the delays in getting the number of equalized pupils from the State. The Supervisory Union has a new business manager with 7 budgets to prepare. Mark noted that the Board did approve the school budget tonight. Patrick asked what the towns are feeling about postponing the meeting.

Sasha stated that Plainfield is in support of postponing. Chris agreed that Marshfield is in favor. Everyone agreed that April 6th makes sense, in light of teacher contracts.

Jamie asked whether we still need to postpone, since the budget has been approved. Lauren noted that in a typical year, there would have already been public meetings to review the budget. Postponing will allow more time to get information out to the public. Rich stated that we also need more time for people to get on the ballot, particularly since Marshfield residents have never voted officers by Australian ballot.

Erin asked about mailing ballots. Bobbi explained that a postcard could be mailed to each voter, as was done for the Primary election last August, with a postcard that could be returned by the voter to request an absentee ballot. School and town information could be included on one card. During the ensuing discussion of whether to mail ballots to everyone or only to those who request them, it was decided to mail the postcards only.

Since the legislation allowing postponement of the meeting has not been passed yet, the Boards agreed to meet again next week to formalize the decision.

The meeting of the Marshfield Selectobard adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the January 12, 2021 Selectboard Special Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
